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Architect Ralph Bennett to Address December Graduates

An award-winning architect and College Park professor, Ralph D. Bennett, Jr., will deliver the commencement address on Friday, Dec. 20 during the campuswide convocation in Tawes Theatre. The ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m.

Joining Bennett in addressing the approximately 3,000 graduates will be Anna Kathryn Gilcher, the student speaker who will speak on behalf of the graduating class.

Gilcher, of Silver Spring, Md., will receive her bachelor's degree in French and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in French literature. Eventually, she hopes to teach. First, however, the multi-linguist will spend the first half of 1992 in Berlin, a city she calls "the intellectual capital of Germany." Fluent in German as well as French, Gilcher, who received university department honors in French and general honors in German, is the recipient of the College of Arts and Humanities' Dean's Senior Scholar Award.

Honors also were presented to Gilcher for her musical talent. An accomplished flutist, she won the music department's Homer T. Ulrich Award in spring 1990. Gilcher, who considers flute to be "an important part" of her life, was a member of the university's Symphonic Wind Ensemble for two years. She currently is studying with the assistant principal of the



National Symphony.

While Gilcher spent three-and-a-half years at the university, Bennett has already spent 14 productive years here, and his personal and professional influence can be felt at the university as well as across the region.

Since coming to College Park in 1977, the architect professor has served on a number of important task forces and committees. He chaired the Campus Senate in 1985-1986 and the Task Force to Plan the Future of the Adele Stamp Student Union in 1987-1988, and co-chaired the 1991 Governance Task Forces. He also has served as a member of the Academic Planning Advisory Committee, the Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee, and



Ralph Bennett, left, and Anna Kathryn Gilcher

the Campus Priorities Committee. From 1982-1983 he was acting dean of the School of Architecture.

Off campus, Bennett's expertise is channeled through Bennett Frank McCarthy Architects, Inc., based in Silver Spring. The firm currently is working on Raphael House, a 30-room group home for the elderly. Bennett also is advising the Montgomery County Executive on affordable housing as chair of the Department of Housing and Community Development's Productivity Housing Advisory Committee.

Bennett also is an accomplished columnist and writes a monthly column on the built environment for *Warfield's*, the Baltimore business magazine.

The schedule of individual commencement ceremonies is on page 2.

Eugenie Clark to Lecture on Sea Monsters Dec. 14

World renowned zoologist Eugenie Clark will inaugurate her open lecture series on marine biology with a free lecture, "Magnificent Sea Monsters of the Undersea Desert," to be held Saturday, Dec. 14 at noon in the main auditorium of the Center for Adult Education, University College.

Clark, known throughout the world as "The Shark Lady" for her path-breaking research on these often misunderstood fish, will also sign copies of her latest book, *The Desert Beneath the Sea*, at a brief reception following the lecture. Published by Scholastic Books, *Desert Beneath the Sea* is Clark's first book for children. Her two other books are *Lady with a Spear* (1953) and *The Lady and the Sharks* (1969).

"Dr. Clark's willingness to establish a lecture series open to alumni and friends and family of campus faculty and staff is just another outstanding example of her commitment to College Park," says Arthur Popper, professor and chair of the Department of Zoology. "Through this lecture series and her new book, a new generation of enthusi-

astic young people will be exposed to Dr. Clark's work with sharks and the wonders of marine biology."

Clark, who has been diving for more than 30 years, has discovered 11 new species of fish, and four others have been named in her honor. A prolific writer, she has contributed more than 100 articles to scientific journals and popular magazines, including *National Geographic*. Of her more than 20 television specials, "The Sharks," a 1982 National Geographic Special, holds PBS's highest-ever Nielson rating. Her latest documentary, filmed on location on the Red Sea, recently aired on the Discovery Channel.

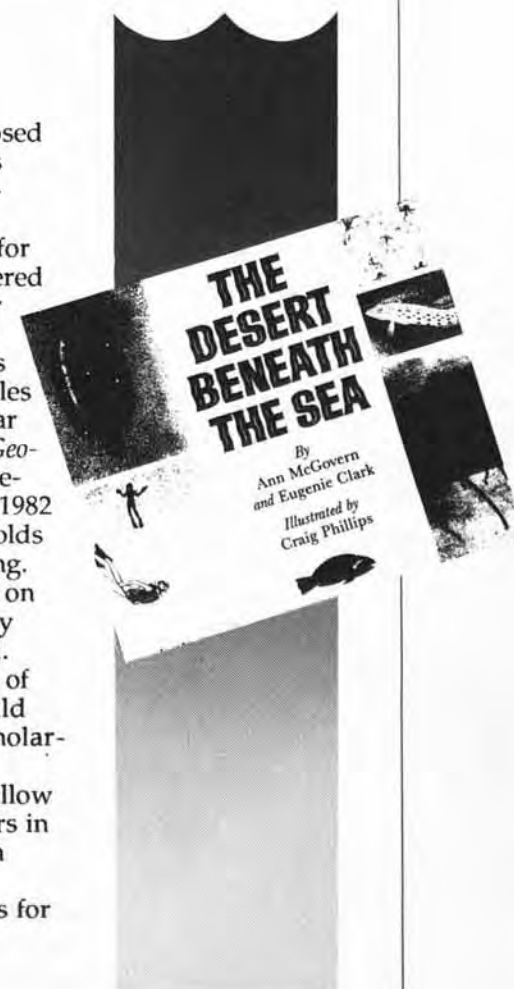
This month, the Department of Zoology announced that it would establish The Eugenie Clark Scholarship to honor Clark and her research. The scholarship will allow students to advance their careers in zoology through direct research with College Park faculty.

Call 405-7736 to reserve seats for the Dec. 14 lecture.

News Alert:

Watch for a special issue of *Outlook*, with a report from Provost J. Robert Dorfman on the impact of budget cuts on campus priorities. Also included will be a major overview of the APAC process for program mergers and consolidations. This special edition will be published later this week.

This is the last regular issue of *Outlook* for the semester. Our normal, once-a-week publication schedule will resume at the beginning of next semester. In the meantime, the *Outlook* staff wishes you a happy holiday season and a joyful New Year.



Call For Nominations

The University of Maryland at College Park periodically awards honorary degrees to persons who have made outstanding contributions in academically related fields or in some other way significantly enriched society. Through these awards the university seeks to recognize outstanding achievement and to make known its standards of excellence to the larger community. The Honorary Degree Selection committee invites nominations for persons to be awarded an honorary degree from the University of Maryland at College Park. Nominations and (where possible) supporting materials should be sent to: J.H. Leshner, chair, 1120 F.S. Key Hall.

Doctoral Program in Higher Education Produces Future Educational Leaders

The graduate studies program in the Department of Higher Education Administration and Policy in the College of Education is an investment in the future of higher education.

"The program gave me an introduction to the higher education association world—where I now make my living," says Louis Albert, vice president of the American Association for Higher Education and a program graduate.

"I spent 12 years in the Maryland Community College System and never visited 1 Dupont Circle," adds Albert, a former dean at Essex Community College. "Through the program, I was exposed to some very valuable insights about the role of national associations."

The doctoral program provides knowledge, skills, and practical experience relevant to leadership in post-secondary education, says Frank Schmidlein, an associate professor in the Department of Education Administration and Policy and the program's coordinator.

"Graduates are prepared to assume significant positions in colleges and universities, national and regional associations, state agencies and commissions, as well as in executive and legislative branches of both state and federal government," says Schmidlein.

"We have administrators with management training in higher education who are not acquainted with academic values and perspectives and administrators with academic experience but little management training," says Schmidlein. "Our program seeks to bridge this gap."

The program brings together doctoral students and faculty mem-

bers who share an interest in the study of higher education and who are dedicated to the improvement of colleges and universities as agencies of human understanding, individual growth, community service, and social justice, adds Schmidlein.

The program, one of the largest in the nation with approximately 100 doctoral students, requires students to take courses on higher education and in cognate areas such as business, public affairs, and the social sciences.

"Students work closely with a large and nationally-recognized complement of full-time faculty who are experienced both as scholars and as senior practitioners," says Schmidlein. "The diversity

and abilities of the program's students ensures an intellectually vibrant and socially supportive learning environment."

Besides Albert, program graduates include Marilyn Berman, an associate dean in the College of Education; Jane Lawrence, acting director of the university's Honors Program; and Julie Porosky, vice president of State Programs at University College.

Besides Schmidlein, full-time faculty includes Robert Berdahl, Robert Birnbaum, Richard Chait, and Monique Clague. Part-time faculty includes Barbara Finkelstein and Steven Selden.

Lisa Gregory

Schedule of Individual Commencement Ceremonies

Thursday, December 19

- Human Ecology, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Chapel;

Friday, December 20

- Agriculture and Life Sciences, 2:00 p.m., Memorial Chapel;
- Architecture, 11:30 a.m., Room 1111, Architecture Building;
- Arts and Humanities, 1:00 p.m., Tawes Theatre;
- Behavioral and Social Sciences, 2:00 p.m., Cole Student Activities Building;
- Business and Management, 11:30 a.m., Cole Student Activities Building;

- Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, 11:30 a.m., Memorial Chapel;
- Education, 11:30 a.m., Reckord Armory;
- Engineering, 2:00 p.m., Reckord Armory;
- General and Individual Studies, 11:30 a.m., Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union;
- Health and Human Performance, 11:30 a.m., Room 2101, Health and
- Human Performance Building; Journalism, 11:30 a.m., Hoff Theatre, Stamp Student Union
- Library and Information Services, 11:30 a.m., Room 1240, Zoology-Psychology Building.

Kissinger Comments on Vietnam Lessons



Former National Security Advisor and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger recently joined honors instructor Phil Straw and the students of Honors 318 (America in Vietnam) in a thought-provoking exchange of views on issues relating to American foreign policy in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. Kissinger accepted Straw's invitation to join the class. "His interest in the students was intense and obvious," Straw says, "and his absolute dedication to their desire to learn about Vietnam from the perspective of a policy architect and global negotiator made the session an educational experience of immense and lasting value."

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Third Maryland Conference to be Held January 10

"Empowering African-American Families in Therapy" is the topic of the Third Maryland Conference to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on January 10 in the Maryland Room of Marie Mount Hall. The conference is sponsored by the Middle Atlantic Division of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and UMCP's Department of Family and Community Development. Andrew Billingsley, chair of the department, will introduce his new book, *Climbing Jacob's Ladder: The Future of Black American Families*. Registration is \$55 before December; \$65 after December 15. For more information, call (301) 384-2283.

NEWS

Holiday Baskets to be Filled for Laid-Off University Staff: You Can Help

In an effort to be supportive of those university employees who have lost their jobs, the Black Faculty and Staff Association is seeking donations for a campus-wide effort to fill holiday gift baskets for all College Park employees who have been laid off. Non-perishable food and monetary donations will be collected through Dec. 13.

Drop-off locations for food items are in the following locations:

- Stamp Student Union Lobby
- Engineering Classroom Building, Dean's Office, Room 1137C
- Lee Building, Graduate Minority Studies, Room 2122
- Hornbake South, Career Development Center, Room 3121 and
- Service Building, Lounge Area.

All monetary contributions should be brought to Denise

Hayman, Career Development Center, 3121 Hornbake Library. All donations not distributed through the holiday gift basket program will be given to a charitable organization in the metropolitan area.

Call Brandon Dula at 314-7172, Denise Hayman at 314-7225, Darlene Johnson at 405-3320 or Sandra Robinson at 405-3324 for further information.



Short Takes

Libraries' Curator Named to Prestigious Committee

Lauren Brown, Curator of Historical Manuscripts and Archives at the University Libraries, has been appointed to the Joint American Historical Association/Organization of American Historians/Society of American Archivists/Committee of Historians and Archivists that meets twice a year to consider issues of common concern to historians and archivists. Each of these three organizations appoints two representatives to the committee; Brown is one of two representatives from the Society of American Archivists.

Business Professor Receives Top Award

Saul Gass, professor of management science and statistics in the Business School, was honored recently by the Operations Research Society of America (ORSA). Gass received the George E. Kimball medal for a lifetime of distinguished service to the society and to the profession. Gass is a past president of ORSA and of Omega Rho, the international honor society for operations research. Among his notable achievements are serving as project manager of the Project Mercury Man-in-Space Program for IBM and the authoring of the widely used first text in linear programming.

Gospel Choir and Director Receive Honors

The Maryland Gospel Choir and its director Valeria Foster have had a good year, garnering multiple honors along the way. Last March the choir was selected as one of Washington's top gospel choirs by the *Washington Afro-American* newspaper. In April the choir was given a citation from County Executive Thomas Gulotta of Nassau County (Long Island), New York in appreciation of their outstanding achievements and significant contributions to the community. In May Foster received the Morgan State University Alumni Association's 1991 Special Achievement Award. And in September Foster served as assistant director for and

soloist with a 1,100-voice choir assembled from Washington area choirs for the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. held at the Washington Convention Center.

Recent Ph.D. Grad Wins Allen Prize

Zhiping Chu, a recent Ph.D. graduate in the chemical physics program, has won the 1991 Allen Prize of the Optical Society of America. The prize is presented annually to a person who, while a graduate student, has made outstanding contributions to atmospheric remote sensing using electro-optical instrumentation.

Chu was recognized for her contributions to the development of differential absorption lidar and its extension to the measurement of water vapor in the stratosphere and polar troposphere.

Chu is now a researcher with the Electrical and Systems Engineering Department at the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

Electrifying "Physics is Phun" is Set for January

Electricity is the subject of the next "Physics is Phun" lecture-demonstration, set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 9, 10 and 11 (snow dates Jan. 16, 17 and 18) in the Physics Building Lecture Hall. Dick Berg, the host of this series, will demonstrate some of his best electricity and magnetism experiments from ten years of "Physics is Phun." Doors open at 7 p.m. The lecture-demonstration runs from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Call 405-5994.

Barriers to Sponsored Research Eased

Barriers to university faculty involvement in privately sponsored research and general economic development activities have been eased due to a new state ethics law recently approved by the Maryland General Assembly.

The new law provides more flexibility than was the case under the old law. It enables faculty to work closely with programs sponsored by the Engineering Research

"Maryland at Risk Day"



Students, staff and faculty listen as President William E. Kirwan speaks at a noontime rally in the Reckord Armory during last month's "Maryland at Risk Day."

"Today we gather as a community to galvanize our efforts on behalf of our beloved university," Kirwan said. "We gather both so that we may understand better the root causes of the threats to our quality and so that we may develop a unified strategy to preserve our hopes and dreams for College Park."

Hundreds of faculty and staff participated in the all-day teach-ins, rally and classroom discussions on the impact of the budget cuts on higher education.

Center (ERC), including MIPS and TAP. Since the new ethics law has taken effect, one faculty-owned company has been accepted into TAP's business "incubator."

The changes affect faculty members only. Procedures under which the new law will be operable are under development. However, faculty-owned start-up companies may be accepted into TAP under a set of interim guidelines.

For more information, contact Richard Frank, TAP director, at 314-7806.

Maryland Bands to be Showcased in Dec. 9 Concert

Four different Maryland bands under the direction of three different conductors will be showcased in a gala concert on Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. in Tawes Theatre. Featured on the program will be the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, and the Jazz, Concert and Marching Bands, with conductors John Wakefield, George Ross and Richmond Sparks. The music will be equally diverse, ranging from classical and contemporary jazz to gridiron favorites. Tickets are \$7 (\$5 students/seniors). Call 405-5542 for information.

AHDP: Much More Than a Playground for Young and Old



Every Saturday morning, Cole Field House becomes a playground for the young and the old. Students can be seen together with senior citizens participating in everything from tricycle races to dancing.

These activities are a part of the unique Adults' Health and Developmental Program (AHDP) which for nearly 20 years has matched College Park students and community volunteers with "golden-aged" citizens for Saturday morning workouts, counseling and companionship.

Over the years AHDP has become an internationally known program designed to affect positively the health, well-being, and physical fitness of institutionalized and non-institutionalized older adults.

One of the first organized gerontological programs, AHDP has proved that the quality of life for an older adult can be improved by reducing health risks through participation in fitness and other wellness programs while simultaneously encouraging meaningful social interactions. The fact that adults aged 65 and older are the fastest growing segment of the United States population offers further support for the need for more programs like AHDP.

Founded by Dan Leviton, professor of health education, the program is an arm of the College of Health and Human Performance, but it draws students from virtually every academic major, giving it a truly interdisciplinary focus. University students enrolled in the course receive credit for participation, but the program includes a large number of volunteers and alumni as well.

AHDP pairs "staffers" one-on-one with seniors who come to the program from nursing homes and veterans centers, as well as on the recommendation of doctors or family members.

Volunteers are responsible for developing a fitness program specifically designed to meet the goals and capabilities of their senior. The idea is to get these individuals to do things they wouldn't do ordinarily and in the process prove to them that they are still capable beings with something to share.

On a typical Saturday, staffers arrive at 8:30 a.m. for an hour of training before the seniors arrive. In the following hour and a half, participants engage in such activities as singing, modified aerobics, swimming, weight training, bowling, ping pong or tennis. The list goes on.

At 11 a.m., participants come together for an hour of health education where they learn about stress management, the proper use of medicine, nutrition, hypertension, and osteoporosis. This session often leads to intergenerational discussions on current topics of interest ranging from sexuality or war to death. This reciprocal exchange

of ideas is enlightening for all according to Nancy Blaney, chair of the board of advisors for the program. "There is no racism, no sexism, no class discrimination. Just people," she says.

Blaney is an example of a College Park graduate who is sold on the program. She first got involved with it nearly 19 years ago during the second semester of her freshman year. She served as a student staff member, group leader, and now chairs the board of advisors. She says many university alumni are involved with the program, some who wanted to continue participation after serving as student volunteers and others who found it a rewarding way to give something back to the university while simultaneously helping others.

Alumni interested in AHDP can volunteer for the actual recreational program, or can work behind the scenes on the board of directors, which is currently trying to raise funds to expand the program to other campuses and raise national awareness of the need for gerontological programs.

Blaney says AHDP reflects the

three missions of the university, "teaching, research, and community involvement," but she remains involved for another and perhaps more important reason. "It works," she says. "We have so many success stories like the 70-year-old blind woman we had jumping on a trampoline by the end of the semester, or the man whose wife had just left him, had lost his job, and was on a dozen or more prescriptions when he came to us who can now bike 500 miles and takes only one heart medication. They show the strength of the program."

AHDP gives older adults a better sense of power over their own health and well being.

The program has one other benefit as well that is not listed in the course description but which often occurs. That is the development of friendships that may last a lifetime. As Blaney says: "We bring people together."

Anyone interested in getting involved with AHDP should contact Nancy Blaney or Dan Leviton at (301)405-2528.

Kim Neumann

Ready for Winter



Physical Plant's Grounds Division rolled out an impressive array of snow-fighting equipment late last month. The arsenal includes dump trucks, front-end loaders, a variety of tractors and plows, motorized brooms, snow-blowers and, of course, snow shovels. A recent survey of campus customers found that ice control and snow removal was the Grounds Division's single most improved service over the past six years.

Calendar Items Sought For Black History Month

The Office of Campus Activities seeks calendar items for Black History Month 1992 which will be celebrated in February. Deans, directors, department heads and leaders of all student organizations are asked to submit details about the events they are planning so that they can be included in a compre-

hensive Black History Month calendar.

The information should be sent to Alethia Nancow, graduate assistant for student involvement and minority affairs, the Office of Campus Activities, Rm 1191 Stamp Student Union. She can be reached at 314-7174.

Library Loan Period is Extended for Classified Staff

During these times of fiscal and service cuts, Libraries Director Joanne Harrar has announced one area of *increased* service to users. After Jan. 21, 1992, the loan period at the university Libraries for classified staff will become equivalent to that given to graduate students, or 56 days. (Excepted will be materials that have shortened loan periods for all users: the Hornbake Library collection, reserves, Nonprint Media items, and special collections.) The change came from suggestions made by Libraries' staff members and extends to all classified personnel in the UM System.

ARTS

RTVF's Weiss Receives Award

Gene Weiss, associate professor of radio-TV-film (RTVF), was recently awarded the 1991 Silver Circle Award from the Washington, D.C. chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Established in 1986, the award honors media professionals who have devoted at least 25 years to the broadcasting industry and who have made a significant contribution to the Washington, D.C. broadcast community.

According to Weiss, his contribution to the Washington, D.C. broadcast community has been a steady stream of well-trained media professionals graduating from the RTVF department.

Weiss came to the university in 1969. At that time, the department (then known as the Division of Speech and Dramatic Art) offered only radio and TV. By 1971 film was added, and Weiss was division director. Weiss says the department took a tremendous leap forward during the eight years he headed it. "We started to produce program-

ing on a fairly large scale," he says. "We tried to have students produce material that really showed what the possibilities were for film and television, and were extremely successful at that."

According to Weiss, the department's production facility is among the top six in the country. One student produced an hour-long documentary on the John F. Kennedy assassination in this facility. The master's thesis film, called "Reasonable Doubts," was then picked up by the Arts & Entertainment Network. This student was hired by Dakota Films.

Weiss proudly notes that many former students now hold responsible positions all across the country in every aspect of media: vice president of production for Walt Disney Productions; executive producer of "Good Morning America"; producer of "America's Most Wanted"; head of training and information for Delta Airlines' in-house production unit. One time, Weiss says, he called George Lucas in San Francisco and ended up talking to



Gene Weiss

a former student who was writing and producing for Lucas.

Weiss was honored along with 22 other distinguished media professionals, among them Joel Albert, manager of news operations for WRC-TV; Sophie Altman, creator and executive producer of "It's Academic"; Christie Basham, senior producer of NBC's "Sunday Today" and "Meet the Press"; John Harter, news anchor for WJLA-TV; and Max Schindler, director of the Washington segments of NBC's "Today Show."

Handelman, Turner Publish Books

"Important contribution" and "theoretical significance" are words used to describe two books written by English department faculty and published this fall.

Susan Handelman, author of *Fragments of Redemption: Jewish Thought and Literary Theory in Benjamin, Scholem, and Levinas*, says in the book's preface, "...I chose these three figures because each is a Jew engaged in mediating the Jewish and modern worlds, as I am. More specifically, each has had enormous influence on contemporary ideas about language, history, and interpretation in a variety of fields from literary criticism to religious studies, philosophy, and social theory."

Jose Faur, an expert and author on Jewish thought and Talmudic literature, says of the book, "...a particularly important contribution to an understanding of the emergence of critical thought in the 20th century and the intercrossing of Jewish intellectual tradition with modern thinking."

Originally published by Indiana University Press, the book now is being translated into Japanese for publication by Hohfui University



Susan Handelman

Press.

Handelman also is the author of *The Slayers of Moses: The Emergence of Rabbinic Interpretation in Modern Literary Theory* and coeditor of *Psychoanalysis and Religion*.

Mark Turner's new book, *Reading Minds: The Study of English in the Age of Cognitive Science*, offers a vision of the central role that language and the arts of language can play in the adventure of modern cognitive science, the discovery of



Mark Turner

the human mind.

Gilles Fauconnier of the University of California, San Diego, says "The book is of great theoretical significance and it is a pleasure to read."

Turner also is the author of *Death is the Mother of Beauty: Mind, Metaphor, Criticism* and coauthor of *More Than Cool Reason: A Field Guide to Poetic Metaphor*.

Applications for NEH Institute Being Accepted

Applications are now being accepted for a five-week NEH Institute for college teachers on "The Encounter of Cultures in Brazil." Co-directed by Saul Sosnowski, chair of the Spanish and Portuguese department and director of the Latin American Studies Center, and Phyllis Reisman-Butler, an expert in African-Brazilian cultural relations, the institute will focus on the continu-

ing encounter of Native American, European and African civilizations in Brazil and on the development of the resulting literary and cultural practices.

The institute, the first of its kind to be funded by NEH in Brazil, will cover such topics as "The Origins and Structure of Brazilian Culture," "African-Brazilian Literature," and "Portuguese Colonial Literature and Art in Brazil."

Interested teachers can obtain an application by calling (301) 405-6441. Deadline for applications is March 1, 1992. Twenty-five teachers will be chosen in an open competition to attend the summer 1992 Institute.

Those attending will have access to major archival and library resources at all three institute locations—Sao Paulo, Ouro Preto and Salvador da Bahia.

Safeway Presents Check to College of Business and Management

Skip Casey and Vickie Ferchaz of Safeway Stores, Inc., recently presented Rudolph P. Lamone, professor and dean of the College of Business and Management, and Safeway Fellows Gabriel J. Biehal, associate professor, and Richard M. Durand, professor, with a check for \$30,000 towards a \$150,000 pledge for a Safeway classroom in the new Business School building, and for the Safeway Faculty Fellowship in Marketing.

Book Focuses on Free Women of Color in Rural South



Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe

Adele Alexander

situated somewhere between the legal, social, and economic extremes of empowered whites and subjugated blacks," says Adele Logan Alexander, a lecturer in the Afro-American Studies Program.

Alexander is the author of *Ambiguous Lives: Free Women of Color in Rural Georgia, 1789-1879* (The University of Arkansas Press). The book focuses on the women of Alexander's own family as representative of this subcaste of the African-American community.

And while society may have seen them as non-persons, Alexander believes that their lives are worthy of attention because of the very ambiguities that surrounded their existence.

"The intricacies, gradations, and subtleties of their anomalous experience became part of the tangled skein of American history and exemplify our country's endless diversity, complexity, and self-contradictions," says Alexander. "These are the people that America has overlooked."

They were also people who did not conform to the negative stereotype of blacks as poor, ignorant and oppressed, says Alexander.

"When you look at free people of color after emancipation, you see a high percentage who became middle class African-Americans,"

says Alexander.

Alexander first decided to write the book when she became interested in her grandmother, who was a suffragist.

"I thought to myself, 'What was there about this person in the 1890s that made her think that regardless of gender or race, she ought to be equal to everyone else?'" says Alexander.

While studying her family, she found that some free women of color often had ties to black male slaves, while others established alliances with white men.

As far as looks were concerned the members of her family were, as she put it, often "more white than black," but with only a few exceptions they remained closely tied to the black community despite the segregation and discriminatory policies of the white South.

"White society looked upon free people of color with the attitude that 'You folks have no real place in our society, so we'll treat you as much like slaves as we can,'" says Alexander, adding that free people of color could not vote, had few rights of white citizens, and could not purchase property except through a white person.

"They were survivors," says Alexander.

Lisa Gregory

Koblinsky and Anderson Receive \$300,000 Grant to Study Homeless Preschoolers

Sally Koblinsky and Elaine Anderson, a professor and associate professor in the Department of Family and Community Development in the College of Human Ecology, have received a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to study homeless preschoolers.

The three-year project will be conducted with United Planning Organization, a Washington, D.C. Head Start agency. The study will compare the development and the self-concept of District of Columbia Head Start preschoolers who are homeless with Head Start preschoolers in permanent housing.

The study will also explore the relationship between family functioning and child outcomes in the two groups and examine whether changes in children's learning and behavior during the Head Start year are related to family variables.

"Studies have shown that parents are the primary educators of their children and have a significant impact on their children's cognitive, physical, and social-emotional development," says Koblinsky.

"Therefore," adds Anderson, "it is important that educational programs such as Head Start acquire greater knowledge about the mediating role of family variables—such as social support,

maternal depression and family hardness—in children's development."

In recent years, say Koblinsky and Anderson, single-parent families with children have become the fastest growing segment of the homeless population.

The two researchers are especially interested in observing and understanding better the resilience of families in the face of such adverse conditions as homelessness and poverty and how that, in turn, affects the children.

Koblinsky and Anderson say that project outcomes may help child/family specialists, Head Start curriculum developers and teachers to design appropriate curricula/teaching strategies to facilitate children's learning and development of self-esteem.

The two also hope that Head Start personnel can use project findings to help parents to acquire better parenting and teaching skills, to build family support networks, to link their children to out-of-school community resources, and to obtain help for family problems negatively related to the children's functioning.

"Results of this study should help the Head Start program to be more a more effective resource for families—an important benefit since Head Start may be one of the

few community resources available and accessible to low-income and homeless families," says Koblinsky.

"By intervening now with these children, we are making an investment in the future," adds Anderson.

Lisa Gregory

Students Contribute Clothing, Stuffed Animals

Students in the Department of Family and Community Development have contributed more than 60 bags of warm winter clothing and stuffed animals to homeless families in two Prince George's County shelters and one county elementary school with a large number of homeless and poor immigrant families.

The clothing and toy drive was spear-headed by students in the department's Poverty and Affluence, Family Policy and Decision-making courses.

Maggie Puchalla, volunteer coordinator for homeless shelter programs in Prince George's County, thanked the students for their generosity and their "awareness of the needs of our less fortunate neighbors."

University Chorale Plans Festive Seasonal Concert

The University Chorale, Roger Folstrom, director, will present its annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. in Memorial Chapel. Three groups of guest musicians will also be featured in this year's concert: the Holton Arms School Handbell Choir, directed by College Park alumna Edith Gates; a chamber orchestra led by Emerson Head; and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Madrigals, conducted by Everett Williams. Music will include a festive fanfare, antiphonal and seasonal music and a "Hallelujah Chorus" finale. No tickets are needed, but a free-will offering will be taken. Call 405-5548 for information.

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Rita Colwell



Andrew Wolvin



Stephen Thomas



Vivian Boyd



James Thorpe

Glen Gordon (Chemistry) for being selected to receive the American Chemical Society (ACS) Award for Creative Advances in Environmental Science and Technology. Gordon won the award for his development of "receptor modeling," a method of identifying air particle sources through trace element analysis. The award will be presented at the ACS national meeting in April, during which a symposium will be held in Gordon's honor.

Steve Barkin and Michael Gurevitch (Journalism) for co-authoring "Out of Work and On the Air: Television News of Unemployment," appearing in a new book, *Critical Perspectives on Media and Society*, published by Guilford Press.

Rita Colwell, who as national president of Sigma Xi, presented introductory remarks at an international forum on global change held in Crystal City, Virginia last month. Sigma Xi is a society of more than 100,000 scientists and engineers who are elected members because of outstanding research achievements.

Andrew Wolvin (Speech Communication) for presenting the keynote speech, "The Leader as Communicator" for the recent annual meeting of the National Cathedral Association. In addition, his article, "When Governance is Really Shared: The Multi-Constituency Campus Senate," which offers the College Park Campus Senate as a case study in shared governance, appeared in the Sept.-Oct. issue of *Academe*.

James and Lauri Grunig (Journalism) for having completed the first major report on their study of 200 organizations, *Excellence in Public Relations and Communication Management: Initial Data Analysis*. The Grunigs have spoken to a number of professional groups recently about their results.

The Photo Outreach Program of the Stamp Student Union Art Center for being recognized with a \$1,000 grant at the Prince George's Arts Council Award Ceremony for its outstanding service to the campus community. Directed by **Barbara Tyroler**, the program provides

students with pre-professional apprenticeship training in camera and darkroom techniques.

Stephen Thomas (Health Education) on his recent election as a trustee to the board of directors of the Society for Public Health Education, Inc. Further kudos should go to Thomas for being elected to the Governing Council of the International Institute for Black Research at their first meeting in London, England. His presentation, "Health Status of the Black Community in the 21st Century: A Futuristic Perspective," was also made at the meeting.

Gary Marchionini (Library and Information Services) on the publication of his chapter on "Technological Trends and Implications: Toward the New Millennium" in the *School Library Media Annual*.

Charlotte Groff Aldridge (Language Center) on being elected president of WATESOL, the 675-member regional affiliate of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. WATESOL's mission is to strengthen the effective teaching and learning of English, while respecting the individual's language rights. WATESOL's 1991 conference was chaired by **Lois Kleinhenn Lanier** (Maryland English Institute).

Michael Mavrovouniotis (Chem. Eng. and Systems Research Center) for being named recipient of the 1991 Ted Peterson Paper Award given by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. An expert in computer-aided engineering of chemical and biochemical processes and systems, Mavrovouniotis received the award for his paper, "Computer-Aided Synthesis of Biochemical Pathways."

Richard Guzzo (Psychology) for being awarded the "Contribution to the Field Award—Research Paper" by the Family Firm Institute in recognition of his study, "Image and Attractiveness of Family Firms to Professional Managers."

The Libraries for being selected from a national competition to participate in the National Agricultural Text Digitizing Project. The purpose of the project is to explore

ways by which staff can utilize the latest in computer technologies to convert documents to machine-readable form and transmit them electronically, thereby enhancing service capabilities.

Hans Griem (Plasma Research) for winning the 1991 James Clerk Maxwell Prize of the American Physics Society for his "numerous contributions to experimental plasma physics and spectroscopy, particularly in the area of improved diagnostic methods for high-temperature plasmas, and for his book on plasma spectroscopy."

Vivian Boyd (Counseling Center) for her recent election to the Governing Board of the Association of University and College Counseling Centers Directors. The association represents more than 450 counseling center directors throughout the U.S. and Canada.

James Thorpe (Housing and Design) for taking several top honors at the Seventh Colorado International Invitational Poster Exhibition in Fort Collins, Colorado. The competition featured 247 posters from 100 designers in 35 nations. Thorpe has recently been invited to submit a work for the First International Poster Triennial in Moscow, Russia.

Susan Handelman (English) for being honored as this year's Outstanding Teacher by the Panhellenic Association, the governing body of the 19 sororities on campus, at its 11th annual Scholarship Reception Nov. 20. Also nominated were: **Eugene Robinson, Samuel Myers, Paul Haspel, William Hanna, Esther Liberman, James Flack, Garritt Verschuur, William Nickels, Roger Allen, Robin Sawyer, Kenneth Kovach, Robyn Muncy, Patrick McGrath, Wayne Cole, Jim Forbes, Nancy Shapiro, Elizabeth Dale Johnson, Evelyn Canabal, David Hyde, Vincent Pantalone, Anthony Olek, John Pease, David Lott, Harold Herman and Virginia Haufler.**

CALENDAR

ATTENTION:
Tuesday, December 17
Academic Planning Advisory
Committee (APAC) Open Hear-
ing for the College of Human
Ecology, concerning its pos-
sible elimination and the
redistribution of its programs,
10 a.m.-1 p.m., 0135 Reckord
Armory. Call 5-6820 for info.

"What is it They 'Just Don't Understand?'"

The next meeting of the Women's Forum will be on Thursday, Dec. 12 at noon in Room 0131 Reckord Armory. The featured speaker will be Linda Coleman, associate professor of English, who will discuss "Language and Gender: What is it They 'Just Don't Understand?'" According to Women's Forum President Carla Gary, the brown-bag lunch meeting will begin promptly at noon and end promptly at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and spend the lunch hour hearing about this timely topic. Call 405-4182 for information.

**DECEMBER 9, 1991-
JANUARY 31, 1992**

9 MONDAY

Art Gallery Exhibition: "Dreams, Lies, and Exaggerations: Photo-
montage in America," featuring
122 works of art, including maga-
zine lay-outs, book jackets, bro-
chures as well as fine art photo-
graphy, Oct. 21-Dec. 20, The Art
Gallery. Call 5-2763 for info.

**Center for International Extension
Development (CIED)**
"Brown Bag" Seminar: "U.S.
Extension's International Involvement:
Assistance to Poland," Earl
Teeter, USDA/Extension Ser-
vices, Washington, D.C., noon-1
p.m. (bring lunch), 0115 Symons.
Call 5-1253 for info.

Horticulture Seminar: "The
Challenge of Developing a Land-
scape Contracting Program,"
Cameron Man, Mississippi State
U., 4 p.m., 0128B Holzapfel. Call
5-4336 for info.

**Computer Science at College
Park Colloquium:** "Fine-Grain
vs. Coarse-Grain Parallel Com-
puting," H.T. Kung, Carnegie-
Mellon U., 4 p.m., 0111 Class-
room Bldg. Call 5-2737 for info.

Maryland Bands Showcase:
Symphonic Wind Ensemble,
Jazz, Concert and Marching
Bands; John Wakefield, George
Ross and Richmond Sparks, con-
ductors, 8 p.m., Tawes Theatre.
Call 5-5542 for info.

10 TUESDAY

**Ecology, Evolution and Behavior
Colloquium:** "Evolution of
Lekking in Manakins," Mercedes
Foster, Smithsonian Institution,
noon, 1208 Zoo/Psych. Call 5-
6942 for info.

**Center for International Development
and Conflict Management (CIDCM)**
"Brown-Bag" Seminar:
"Ethnicity, Development and
Human Rights in Guatemala,"
Nancy Gonzalez, Anthropology,
12:30 p.m. (bring lunch), second
floor, Mill Bldg. Call 4-7703 for
info.

Center for Teaching Excellence
"Conversations About Teach-
ing": "Student Concerns and
Perspectives," 12:30-2 p.m.,
Maryland Room, Marie Mount.
Call 5-3154 for info.

**Music Department Student
Honors Recital,** 12:30 p.m.,
Tawes Recital Hall. Call 5-5548
for info.

Physics Colloquium: "Advances
in Helioseismology," Ken
Libbrecht, Astrophysics, California
Institute of Technology, 4 p.m.,
tea, 3:30 p.m., 1410 Physics.
Call 5-5953 for info.

**University Chorale Christmas
Concert,** Roger Folstrom, direc-
tor, 8 p.m., Memorial Chapel.
Call 5-5548 for info.

11 WEDNESDAY

**Campus Club Holiday Lunch-
eon,** 11:30 a.m., Chesapeake
Room, Center of Adult Education.
Call 927-8747 for info.

12 THURSDAY

Legal Affairs Seminar:
"Freedom of Expression," Gary
Pavola, office of Judicial Systems
and editor, *Synthesis: Law and
Public Policy in Higher Education*,
9:30-11:30 a.m., multi-purpose
room, Cambridge Dining Hall.
Call 5-4945 for info.

Women's Forum Meeting:
"What is it They 'Just Don't
Understand?'" Linda Coleman,
English, noon-1 p.m., 0131 Reck-
ord Armory. Call 5-4182 for info.

Meteorology Seminar: "Appli-
cations of the Satellite Ocean



A performance by pianist Ursula Oppens is a December offering from the Concert Society at Maryland. See listing for Dec. 15.

Color Data," Chuck McClain,
NASA/GSFC, 3:30 p.m., 2114
Computer and Space Sciences;
refreshments, 3 p.m. Call 5-5392
for info.

United Campus Ministries
"Civilized Event," relaxed
atmosphere for collegial conver-
sation; Chancellor Langenberg is
expected to attend, 4-5:30 p.m.,
Rossborough Inn. Call 5-8450 for
info.

14 SATURDAY

**Special Lecture and Book
Signing:** (for all ages and inter-
ests) "Magnificent Sea Monsters
of the Undersea Desert," Eugene
Clark, Zoology; author, *The
Desert Beneath the Sea*, noon,
Main Auditorium, Center of Adult
Education. Call 5-7749 for info.

15 SUNDAY

Concert Society at Maryland:
Ursula Oppens, piano, 7:30 p.m.,
free seminar, 6 p.m., Center of
Adult Education, \$17 standard
admission, \$15.30 faculty and
staff, \$14.50 seniors and \$5 stu-
dents. Call 80-4240 for info and
reservations.

16 MONDAY

Entomology Colloquium: "Turf
IPM Practices for Home Lawn
and Sod Producers," Tim Abbey,
Entomology, 4 p.m., 0200
Symons Hall. Call 5-3911 for
info.

Space Science Seminar: "First
Results from Ulysses Radio and
Plasma Wave Experiments,"
Robert Stone, NASA/GSFC, 4:30
p.m., 1113 Computer and Space
Sciences. Call 5-6226 for info.

18 WEDNESDAY

Meteorology Seminar: "Wind
Data from Commercial Aircraft:
US and Global Experiments,"
Joel Tenenbaum, State University
of New York, 3:30 p.m., 2114
Computer and Space Sciences;
refreshments, 3 p.m. Call 5-5392
for info.

20 FRIDAY

**Maryland Boy Choir Winter
Concert,** 8 p.m., Tawes Recital
Hall. Call 5-5548 for info.

21 SATURDAY

**Men's Basketball vs. Towson
State,** 1 p.m., Cole Field House.
Call 4-7070 for info.

24 TUESDAY

First Furlough Day;
Libraries closed through Jan. 1

DECEMBER

25 WEDNESDAY —

JANUARY

1 WEDNESDAY

University closed

2 THURSDAY

University open; Libraries open;
second furlough day, where
applicable

4 SATURDAY

**Women's Basketball vs. Rut-
gers,** 7:30 p.m., Cole Field
House. Call 4-7064 for info.

8 WEDNESDAY

Men's Basketball vs. Duke, 8
p.m., Cole Field House. Call 4-
7070 for info.

9 THURSDAY

"Physics is Fun" Lecture/Dem-
onstration: "Electricity," Richard
Berg, today-Jan. 11, 7:30-8:45
p.m., lecture hall, Physics Bldg.
Call 5-5994 for info.

11 SATURDAY

**Women's Basketball vs. Wake
Forest (Alumni Game),** 3 p.m.,
Cole Field House. Call 4-7064 for
info.

15 WEDNESDAY

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday Commemoration:**
Sixth annual celebration, 12:30
p.m., Memorial Chapel. Call
x47172 for info.

18 SATURDAY

**Men's Basketball vs. Florida
State,** 1 p.m., Cole Field House.
Call 4-7070 for info.

**Women's Basketball vs. North
Carolina,** 7:30 p.m., Cole Field
House. Call 4-7064 for info.

20 MONDAY

**Women's Basketball vs. Clem-
son,** 7:30 p.m., Cole Field
House. Call 4-7064 for info.

22 WEDNESDAY

**Men's Basketball vs. Wake
Forest,** 8 p.m., Cole Field
House. Call 4-7070 for info.

25 SATURDAY

Men's Basketball vs. Clemson,
1:30 p.m., Cole Field House. Call
4-7070 for info.

27 MONDAY

Horticulture Seminar: "Bud Dor-
mancy in Fruit Trees: New Physi-
ological and Biochemical Events,"
Miklos Faust, USDA-ARS, Belts-
ville, 4 p.m., 0128B Holzapfel.
Call 5-4336 for info.

**Women's Basketball vs.
Georgia Tech,** 7:30 p.m., Cole
Field House. Call 4-7064 for info.

28 TUESDAY

**Center for International Development
and Conflict Management (CIDCM)**
"Brown Bag"
Seminar: "Protest Rebellion and
Reform: The Resolution of Ethnic
Conflicts in Western Democracies,"
Ted Gurr, Government and
Politics, 12:30 p.m. (bring lunch),
second floor, Mill Bldg. Call 4-7703
for info.

29 WEDNESDAY

Art Gallery Exhibition: "Images
of America: The Painter's Eye,
1833-1925," 63 paintings and
watercolors of landscapes, mar-
ine views, genre scenes and still
lives from the collection of Dr.
and Mrs. Baekeland, Jan. 29-
Mar. 15; opening reception, Jan.
29, 5:30-7:30 p.m., The Art Gal-
lery. Call 405-2763 for info.

30 THURSDAY

**"Writers Here and Now" Read-
ing:** Charles Baxter, 3:30 p.m.,
1120 Surge Building. Call 5-3819
for info.

31 FRIDAY

Schubert Concert: (to celebrate
his 195th birthday) *Die
Winterreise*, James MacDonald,
tenor; Ruth Ann MacDonald,
piano, 8 p.m.; pre-concert sym-
posium, Peter Beicken, German
Languages, 7 p.m., Tawes Rec-
ital Hall. Call 5-5548 for info.

* Admission charged for this
event. All others are free.



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Sixth Annual King Birthday Commemoration Planned

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration Program will be held in Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, January 15, 1992, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The entire campus community is invited to this sixth annual celebration of Dr. King's life. It is sponsored by the Office of Campus Activities. Contact Brandon Dula at 314-7172 for more information.

